

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 7, 2005. Claims 1 to 5 and 12 to 26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 6 and 8 have been amended and new Claims 27 to 41 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 6 to 11 and 27 to 41 are pending in the application, of which Claims 6, 27, 32 and 37 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the continued indication that Claims 6 to 11 are allowed.

Turning to specific claim language, amended independent Claim 6 is directed to a print control apparatus for controlling a printing apparatus to print. The apparatus includes a spooler that saves data to be printed together with the designated number of sets of copies, and a spool file manager that checks if a print instruction is a test print instruction, that changes the number of sets of copies to 1 when the print instruction is the test print instruction, and outputs the data saved in the spooler to the printing apparatus together with the number of sets of copies to be printed in response to the print instruction for printing at the print apparatus.

Allowed Claim 6 was amended to further clarify that the print data and the number of sets of copies are output to the print apparatus for printing at the print apparatus. In addition, Claim 8 was amended to conform the claim to embodiment of the invention as illustrated in FIG. 8. Specifically, the term "not" was deleted so that the claim now reads "when the print instruction is the test print instruction, said spool file manager decreases

the number of sets of copies output in a test print process from the designated number of sets of copies after said spool file manager outputs the data.”

Newly added Claims 27, 32 and 37 are directed to an apparatus, method and computer program embodied in a computer readable storage medium, respectively, corresponding to Claim 6. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 27, 32 and 37 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. However, individual consideration of each dependent claim on its own merits is respectfully requested as each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention.

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